



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Sept. 1, 2017

Dear CFISD community,

After careful consideration of mobility, facilities and employee availability, the CFISD Board of Trustees has supported our decision to welcome **students** back to school on **Wednesday, Sept. 6.**

Tuesday, Sept. 5 will serve as the first day back to work for our **employees.**

We feel that reopening schools next week will allow our students and families to return to as much of a normal life as possible. We understand that this is not possible for some of our families, and CFISD is here to provide support with resources such as our [point of distribution \(POD\)](#) and other [community relief efforts](#).

If your family has been displaced and students are unable to reach their campus of origin, information and frequently asked questions will be posted as soon as they are available on the district website.

We understand that students' basic necessities should not be a concern during this difficult time. We are pleased that the USDA has waived all free and reduced meal eligibility requirements through Sept. 30 so students can enjoy free breakfast and lunch on our campuses. Parents are encouraged to still complete the free and reduced application so their students' program enrollment can resume after the Sept. 30 date.

Our food service department is also opening additional feeding centers as an extension of our summer feeding program beginning tomorrow, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sites at Owens (7939 Jackrabbit Road) and Holbrook (6402 Langfield Road) elementary schools and Cypress Lakes High School (5750 Greenhouse Road) will offer free breakfast and lunch for children 18 years and younger. Due to donations from vendors, we can also provide free meals to adults accompanying children.

Hurricane Harvey and its destructive aftermath have presented significant challenges for the CFISD community, but you have already begun to prove that the challenges will not break your spirit. We look forward to reopening our doors to students on Sept. 6.

Sincerely,

Mark Henry, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools